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(M & M Grain and Farm Supply Company, Grain Elevator)
I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor
West side of Main Street
Marseilles
LaSalle County
Illinois

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Location: North side of I & M Canal, west side of
Main Street
Marseilles, LaSalle County, Illinois

UTM: 16 E.365970 N.4576290
Quad: Marseilles

Date of Construction: 1892

Builder: Unknown

Present Owner: M & M Grain and Farm Supply Company

Present Use: Storage

Significance: This 50,000 bushel capacity grain
elevator was built in 1892; in 1898 the
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific
Railroad spur extended service to the
site.

Project Information: The Illinois and Michigan Canal was
designated a National Heritage Corridor
in 1984. The following year HABS/HAER
embarked on an extensive inventory and
documentation project of the 100 mile-
long corridor. Field work for this
project was concluded in 1988. Final
editing of the documentation was
completed in 1992.

Historians: David Kelliher and Timothy Whittaker,
1986.

The first elevator on this site was constructed in 1872 by Messrs. Scott and Harrington and operated under that partnership until 1880 when J. G. Scott became sole owner. In 1886 the J. Harrington & Company purchased the elevator. According to the 1889 Sanborn Insurance Company Map, the facility had a capacity of 70,000 bushels, with an attached cob house to the west. North on the Sanborn map were two corn cribs, a harness building, an office, and a building marked "B & S." By 1898 the elevator had been acquired by the partnership of Bruce and Jamieson, and a Rock Island Railroad spur line had been extended to the site. The capacity of the elevator at this time, however, was only 40,000 bushels. By 1892 a new 50,000 bushel capacity elevator had been built, with a cleaner and a corn sheller powered by gasoline. By 1907 the elevator had become the property of the Bruce Grain Company. By 1929 the Marseilles Grain and Supply Company owned the elevator. By that date the present office and scales had been built. The elevator now belongs to the M & M Grain and Farm Supply Company.

Located along the I & M Canal, this wood-frame grain elevator measures 60' x 30' and is clad with stucco and corrugated metal. The elevator rises nearly 50' in height. A covered wagon way is located along the north side of the elevator. The one-story office is adjacent to the elevator, and weighing scales extend along the north side. A limestone foundation supports the heavy timber frame of the grain elevator.

SOURCES:

Sanborn Map Co., Marseilles, Illinois (New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1889, 1898, 1907, 1913, 1929).